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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA TO CHANGE EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN DJIBOUTI

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1. DURING VISIT TO ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA) ON ANOTHER MATTER, EMBOFF HAD OCCASION TO MEET ETHIOPIAN CHARGE IN DJIBOUTI, YASSIN MUSA. YASSIN INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED BIO DATA REFTEL. YASSIN COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON HIS RELATIONS WITH THE US CHARGE AND ALLOWED THAT ETHIOPIA AND US SHARED COMMON INTEREST OF MAINTAINING DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT RECENT VISIT BY MOFA AFRICAN DEPT HEAD BERHANU DINKA TO DJIBOUTI HAD SUCCESSFULLY IDENTIFIED MUTUAL INTERESTS OF TWO COUNTRIES AND BASIS FOR COOPERATION. HE APPEARED SANGUINE ABOUT DJIBOUTI'S FUTURE.

2. AFTER CASUAL MEETING, EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH ANOTHER MOFA OFFICIAL WHO WAS GOOD FRIEND
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OF YASSIN'S. MOFA OFFICIAL STATED THAT MENGISTU WISHED TO PROMOTE YASSIN TO AMBASSADOR AND HAVE HIM REMAIN IN DJIBOUTI. HOWEVER, YASSIN BELIEVED THAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION IN DJIBOUTI BY UNIFYING THE AFARS (HE IS AN AFAR HIMSELF) AND SOLIDIFYING THEIR POSITION. YASSIN REPORTEDLY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT ETHIOPIA SEND A NON-AFAR, NON-ISSA DIPLOMAT AS

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AMBASSADOR TO DJIBOUTI AND AN AFAR AND AN ISA AS HIS
SUBORDINATES. YASSIN DOES NOT WITH TO REMAIN IN DJIBOUTI
MUCH LONGER AND IS NOW IN ADDIS TO SEEK A REPLACEMENT.
MOFA OFFICIAL ALSO STATED NUMBER TWO IN
ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY, AN ASSA, HAD DEFECTED.
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